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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU INVITES COMMENTS ON PUBLIC SAFETY REGION 5 (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) 800 MHz NPSPAC REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PLAN AMENDMENT

General Docket 89-97

Comments Date: February 15, 2008

Reply Date: March 3, 2008

On March 6, 2007, Region 5 (Southern California) 800 MHz Regional Public Safety Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan for review and approval which would allocate NPSPAC channels 616, 654, 700 and 768 to the County of Los Angeles.¹

The proposed amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from all three regions adjacent to Region 5: Region 3 (Arizona), Region 6 (Northern California) and Region 27 (Nevada).

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.² The National Plan specifies special policies and procedures governing the Public Safety Pool.³ Regional plans must include an explanation of how the plan has been coordinated with adjacent regions. For modifications, the regional chair may recommend, in writing, changes to a regional plan, and the Commission will give public notice soliciting comment on any such proposals and issue appropriate orders upon review.⁴ The Region 5 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission in November 1989, has been modified several times within the last seventeen years.⁵

¹ See Letter dated March 5, 2007, from Ron Wong, Chairperson, 800 MHz Regional Public Safety Planning Committee for Region 5, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Amendment to Southern California NPSPAC Plan) filed March 6, 2007 (Plan Amendment).

² See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, Report and Order, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987) (National Plan Report and Order).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 90.16, Public Safety National Plan.

⁴ See National Plan Report and Order, 3 FCC Rcd at 911 ¶ 57.

⁵ See In The Matter of Southern California Public Safety Plan, General Docket No. 89-97, Order, 4 FCC Rcd 8352 (PRB 1989); Amendment Approval Letter dated June 9, 1993 from Richard J. Shiben, Chief, Land Mobile and Microwave Division to Garrett Mayer, Chair, Region 5; In the Matter of Southern California Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket 89-97, Order, 10 FCC Rcd (WTB PRD 1995); Amendment Approval Letter dated Apr. 19, 1996 from

Prior to taking action on the Region 5 Plan Amendment, by this *Public Notice*, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the proposed Region 5 Plan Amendment on or before February 16, 2008 and reply comments on or before March 3, 2008. All comments and reply comments should reference **General Docket 89-97.**

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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The Region 5 Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/. The full text of the Plan Amendment, comments, and reply comments will be available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554. Customers may contact BCPI through its web site, http://www.bcpiweb.com, by email at fcc@bcpiweb.com, by phone at (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, or by facsimile at (202) 488-5563.

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Robert H. McNamara, Chief, Private Wireless Division to Garrett G. Mayer, Chair, Region 5; Wireless Telecom Action, Southern California (Region 5) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its Public Safety, Gen. Docket 89-97, *Public Notice*, Report WT 97-39 (WTB rel. Oct. 7, 1997); Wireless Telecom Action, Southern California (Region 5) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket 89-97, *Public Notice*, 15 FCC Rcd 24573 (WTB PSPWD 2000); Wireless Telecom Action, Southern California (Region 5) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its 800 MHz Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket 89-97, *Public Notice*, 17 FCC Rcd 15847 (WTB PSPWD 2002); Wireless Telecom Action, Southern California (Region 5) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its 800 MHz Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket 89-97, *Public Notice*, 19 FCC Rcd 23590 (WTB PSCID 2004), and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Action, Southern California (Region 5) 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee Receives Approval for Amendment to its Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket 89-97, *Public Notice*, 20 FCC Rcd 19318 (WTB PSCID 2005).

⁶ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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